

January 25, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

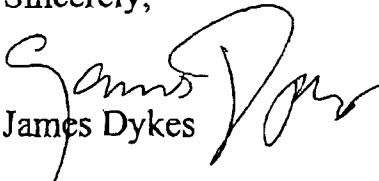
I wanted to contact you to urge the approval of the settlement agreement reached with Microsoft. I believe Judge Jackson's original ruling was outrageous. Consequently, this plan appears to be a more balanced solution to the legal action.

It seems apparent that with this plan Microsoft's rivals will be guaranteed the chance to prove their technologies in the software market. Let the market and the people decide.

Microsoft exists because of voluntary and mutually beneficial trade with millions of consumers in a free market environment. Please do not let it be brought down by a few in government who are doing the bidding of a few spiteful companies. In our troubled times we can't afford this misguided litigation.

Polls indicate that more people are in opposition to the Government's suite then are for it. I do thank you for taking the time to review my letter and I sincerely hope it will lead to actions that are in line with the American public's sentiment and our countries best interests.

Sincerely,


James Dykes